



Northlea United Church

**In the community. For the community.**

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**May 11, 2025**  
**Family Christian Sunday**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

At Northlea United Church,  
we encourage one another as we:  
Love God ✧ Connect with others  
Nurture the spirit ✧ Serve the world

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Thank you for joining us for service today whether in-person or online. If there is anything we can do to improve your experience, please let us know by calling the church office at 416 425 5252 or emailing us at [office@northleaunited.ca](mailto:office@northleaunited.ca). There are many ways to access online videos whether live streamed or pre-recorded. The Northlea United Facebook page or our website will have links to our services:

**Facebook:**

Simply sign on to Facebook and search for the Northlea United page. You will find links there.

**[www.northleaunited.ca](http://www.northleaunited.ca):**

Visit our website. Links will be posted to our homepage for easy access.

**Thank you for helping with today's service:**

Rev. Liz Mackenzie – Presiding

David Jafelice – Music Director

Kaisha Lee – Soprano ✧ Karen Davidson – Alto

Jordan Baldwin – Tenor ✧ Andrew Gunpath – Bass

Jo Dullard - Livestream Production ✧ Donna Rutz - Social Media Support

Roger Touw - Reader

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**Sharing what we have:**

We give as an expression of gratitude for all that God has done and is doing in and through us.

**Ways to give financially:**

1. Cash or cheque made payable to Northlea United Church – this can be mailed in or put into an envelope available in the foyer and dropped in the collection plate (*be sure to include your contact information in order to receive a tax receipt at the end of the year*);
2. Online via Canada Helps (just scan this QR code to be brought to the secure online donation form);
3. Through automatic monthly Pre-Authorized Remittance – Forms are available from the church office: [office@northleaunited.ca](mailto:office@northleaunited.ca)



We are thankful for all your gifts as they sustain the life and work of this church.

Please contact the church office if you would like more information.

**416 425 5252 or [office@northleaunited.ca](mailto:office@northleaunited.ca)**

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**Don't miss the excitement!**  
**It's a learning opportunity!**  
**It's a Fire Drill!**

IF there was an emergency fire alarm sounded during service:

1. Do you know which door to exit?
2. Where do we meet once outside?

All this and more is available in a small booklet called "**Fire Alarm - Here's What You Do**". Contact the office for your copy, today.

**Quick Answers:**

**1. Where do I exit?**

- Everyone will exit the sanctuary down the nearest aisle and then proceed out the main front doors of the church.

**2. I'm outside - now what?**

- Once outside, go directly to the southwest corner of the property by the yellow pole on the front lawn where Brentcliffe and Broadway meet. ***Everyone will meet here.***



**Northlea United Church**  
**Sunday, May 11, 2025**

**Welcome**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

As we light the Christ Candle, we remember that the light of Christ shines in our hearts and connects us one to another as the Body of Christ.

*(The Christ Candle is lit.)*

Christ is risen!

**Hallelujah, Hallelujah! Christ is risen indeed!**

**Acknowledgement of the Land**

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**Response:**

**We believe that our relationships with the Creator,  
the land, the people, the plants and the animals are sacred.**

**Introit:** Rise Up in Early Morning

Tune: Mainz Gesangbuch, 1628

Text: by Proulx, after St. John Damascene (ca. 754), Arr. Richard Proulx

**Call to Worship:**

Parents and children,  
siblings and cousins,  
grandparents and greats—  
aunts, uncles, and more—

**family in God's love.**

By adoption, by choice,  
by birth, or just *because*—

**family in God's love.**

People well known,  
people never met,  
people near, people far—

**family in God's love!**

Come as you are.  
Come as you will be.  
Come and worship,  
all you, who are...  
**family in God's love!**

**Let us worship God, our loving parent!**

*(The Very Rev. Richard Bott, 2019. This content is part of GatheringWorship.ca. Used with permission.)*

## **Opening Hymn: The Risen Christ**

**Voices United 168**

## **The Gift of Peace**

*(Take a moment to turn and greet one another in the peace of Christ—a smile, a bow, a wave)*

## **Opening Prayer:**

Creator God, parent of us all,  
we are your precious children who live within family units of all kinds and sizes.

**We gather here with you and within this church family ready to worship you  
and to be embraced in your love. Amen.**

*(Tammy Fergusson, Grace U.C., Gananoque, Ont., 2025. This content is part of GatheringWorship.ca. Used with permission.)*

## **A Sanctuary Moment**

### **Listening ❖**

## **Prayer for Illumination:**

**Roger Touw**

God of resurrection, may your Easter story become our story.  
May the wonder and awe of lives made whole take hold deep in our soul.  
May we receive and live the miracle account of resurrection.  
We pray in the name of the enlivening Christ. Amen.

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**Scripture:** Acts 9:32, 36-42 (Common English Bible version)

**Gospel:** John 10:22-30 (Common English Bible version)

This is the Gospel – God's Good News!

**Thanks be to God!**

**Anthem: Sheperd Me, O God (*Psalm 23*)**

Marty Haugen

Shep - herd me, O God, be - yond my wants,  
be - yond my fears, from death in - to life.

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**Reflection: A Force of Love in God's World**

❖ Responding ❖

**Hymn: God of the Bible (*Fresh as the Morning*)**

More Voices 28

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Offering Hymn: O God Beyond All Praising – (*vs. 3 from VU 256*)**

3. Then, hear O gra - cious Sav-iour, this song of praise we sing. May we, who know your  
fa - vour, our hum - ble ser - vice bring; and wheth - er our to - mor - rows be  
filled with good or ill, we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you  
still: to mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your  
ways, and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

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## Offering Prayer

You, our source of joy. You, our hope revealed.

You, the dancing spirit of life. You, love rising, overcoming all that brings death.

**To you, O God, we offer these gifts in gratitude for life restored,  
for the uncontainable power of your love,  
for the promise that we are your own,  
called to be a source of healing in this broken world. Amen.**

## Prayers of the People

### Lord's Prayer:

Voices United p. 914, alt.

Loving God - loving Parent of all,  
hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread; forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.  
Amen.

### Closing Hymn: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

Voices United 232

## Sending Forth

We are the Northlea United Church faith family, each called beloved by God.

May we go out from this time of worship to be a force of love, peace, healing, and hope for all  
God's beloved people and creation.

**May we look for our brother, Jesus, embodied in all whom we encounter –  
in our lives, in all creation, in all our relations.**

(Rev. Liz Mackenzie, 2025)

## Blessing

### Amen:

Ken Canedo & Bob Hurd

A - - men. A - - men. Now and for - ev - er, a - - men. A - - men. A - - men. *rit. poco a poco al fine* Now and for - ev - er, a - - men.

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## **It's Northlea United Church's 75th Anniversary!**

### **Northlea celebrated it's 75th Anniversary last Sunday...**

We enjoyed a wonderful worship service on Sunday, May 4, 2025 celebrating our 75th anniversary with many special guests. We thank Rev. Dr. Jennifer Henry for her thoughtful sermon and Rev. Kerri Hagerman, Rev. Eun Jo Park, Rev. Dr. Malcolm Sinclair and Rev. Barbara White for their contributions to the service as well.

After the service, we spent a glorious day celebrating and chatting with old friends and new over wonderful hors d'oeuvres, strawberry cake and punch! Thank you to all who made the day a wonderful event!

A huge thank you goes out to Donna Rutz, Diane Carlton, Jim Hartley, Laura Jarvis, Jackie Morris, and Lois Scott who helped put the whole day together with help from Rev. Liz Mackenzie, Jo Dullard, David Jafelice, Robert Pringle, and Tricia Reid. A very special thanks to Laura Jarvis for putting all the photo boards together. She couldn't have done it without the help of Jo Dullard, Sue Earl, Jackie Morris, and Stan Peck.

And finally, it was wonderful to fold Northlea's 75th anniversary in with Robert Pringle's 40th work anniversary. Congratulations, Robert and thank you for your years of dedicated service!

There are so many pictures of the day, that we have created a webpage where you can view all or some at your leisure. You can view this page by visiting the website and clicking on the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary box just below the banner.

## Spring at Northlea...

**Note: the office will be closed Monday & Tuesday, May 12 & 13, 2025.** Tricia will be responding to voicemail and email but will be out of town.

**Sunday, May 18, 2025** – 10:30 am - Victoria Day weekend - Worship with the Lay Worship Circle;  
Note: Liz is away and the office will be closed on Monday, May 19, 2025 for the holiday.

**Saturday, May 24, 2025** – 10:00 am – 12:00 noon – Cook-A-Palooza for Youth Without Shelter

**Sunday, May 25, 2025:**

- 10:30 am – Worship
- 11:30 am – Northlea Annual General Meeting
- 5:00 pm – Youth Without Shelter Bar-B-Que Dinner

**Tuesday, May 27, 2025** – 6:00 pm - UCWN Potluck dinner, annual meeting and speaker with Rev. Liz Mackenzie

**Sunday, June 1, 2025 – 10:30 am - There will NOT be a service at NUC that day.**

Instead, you are welcome to join Northlea UC while we celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United Church **with the North Toronto Cluster of churches at ROSEDALE UNITED CHURCH, 159 Roxborough Dr.**

**Sunday, June 8, 2025 – Pentecost:**

- 10:30 am – Worship and Communion at Northlea and we will dedicate a plaque to Rev. Lee-Ann Ahlstrom for her work on the National Healing Forest after worship.
- 3:00 pm – Hymn Festival to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United Church of Canada with Northlea and Leaside United choirs at Leaside United, 822 Millwood Rd. M4G 1W4

**Tuesday, June 10, 2025** – the actual date of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United Church of Canada

**Sunday, June 15, 2025** – Trinity Sunday – 10:30 am – Worship

**Sunday, June 22, 2025** – 10:30 am – Worship – Rev. Liz Mackenzie's last day in the pulpit

**Sunday, June 29, 2025** – 10:30 am – Summer Worship with the Lay Worship Circle

## **Ongoing Activities:**

**Mondays:** 4:30 pm - Bible Study on Zoom until June 2, 2025.

**Wednesdays:**

- 11:00 am –Chair Exercise is back beginning April 23 for 6 weeks until May 28, 2025
- 7:30 pm - For the Love of Singing Community Choir extended to May 14, 2025

**Thursdays:**

- 1:30 pm – Arts & Crafts Circle – will break for the summer after June 19, 2025 and will meet again, starting September 11, 2025
- 7:30 pm – Northlea Choir Practice until June 5, 2025 and will begin again, starting September 4, 2025.

**Next Week's Readings**

From *The Gathering*

Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148; Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31.35

To find out what's happening at Northlea United, visit [northleaunited.ca](http://northleaunited.ca)